

JOURNAL, 329th INFANTRY FOR AUGUST 1944

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0830 General Ferenbaugh came to C.P.
0845 The Corps Commander is scheduled to visit the C.P. sometime this morning.
0930 General 15th Corps Commander, and General Macon, came to C.P.
0940 General General Macon, General Ferenbaugh and Colonel Crabill left C.P. to go to 1st Bn.
1140 Col Crabill returned to C.P.
1100 Major Pack came from Div to take over duties as Regtl Executive Officer.
1405 General Ferenbaugh came to C.P. He directs that the Regt be prepared to move sometime tomorrow on 6 hour notice.
1410 A-T Co is conducting practice A-T grenade and bazooka firing today at same point indicated on 83rd Div overlay - 31 July 1944.
2115 .50 Cal multiple mount AA weapons will be attached to Inf Regts only during motor movements and not during foot marches. Such weapons will be used to protect motor and not foot elements (C.G. 83rd Inf Div)
2200 The move for tomorrow has been postponed. No definite day has yet been set.

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0910 General Ferenbaugh came to C.P.
0945 General Ferenbaugh left C.P. to go to 3rd Bn.
1300 Col Crabill left C.P. to reconnoiter routes to the South.
1500 General Macon came to C.P.
1510 General Macon left C.P. to go and inspect the training being conducted by the Bns.
1700 Col Crabill returned to C.P.
1915 The Regt is alerted to be prepared to move any time after 2100, 3 August. No definite time has yet been designated.

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0715 The Regt is alerted to move at any time.
0930 Col Crabill left C.P. to go to Bns.
1130 Col Crabill returned to C.P.
1140 Received movement orders. First elements cross I.P. at 1100.
1200 Received warning order and atchd overlay from Div.
1415 Leading elements crossed I.P. at 1400.
1527 Crossing I.P. at 1525 (C.O. 3rd Bn).
2300 C.P. closed into new location at T 191038.
2315 Closed into bivouac area at 2217 (C.O. 2nd Bn)
2350 (TO: C.G. 83rd Div) 329th Inf closed in assigned area at 2330. C.P. at T 191038 (C.O. 329th).

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0500 Col Crabill issued oral order to Bn Comdrs as follows: CT 329 will move by truck and marching from present location to location shown by guides. Order of march: 3rd Bn; 1st Bn; Special Units and Arty. Trucks moving 3rd Bn will return and pick up 2nd Bn at a place on the road to be designated later. I.P. - 17090280, FRANCE 1:50,000. March units and serials same as in preceding march except foot elements to proceed orgn trans. Guides from each Bn will report to Capt Bunch at I.P. at 0630, 4 August 1944. 3rd Bn will furnish 20 guides

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- to report to Lt Reeder at I.P. at 0630. I & R platoon will precede column moving at 0600 and reconnoiter assembly area. Units will be responsible for own AA and AT protection. All units be prepared for combat upon arrival at new assembly area. Rolls will be dropped and extra ammunition will be issued in new assembly area. 1/3 of K ration will be carried by each soldier. Regtl C.P. will be established at Ebiniac. Bn C.P.'s will be reported. Upon arrival at new assembly area, immediate rsn will be put out to NW.
- 0815 3rd Bn reports they have received their transportation and are ready to move.
- 1030 1st Bn closed in at 1015.
- 1031 Regtl C.P. closed in new location at 1015.
- 1035 3rd Bn closed in 0950. C.P. established - location coordinates: 4952' - 53090" Map: St Brievic - Rennes, 1:200000. Bn aid station established adjacent to C.P. (C.O. 3rd Bn).
- 1130 General Macon came to C.P.
- 1215 General Macon and Col Crabill left C.P.
- 1216 Continue movement to area Legaure CR 869980, La Salvagere 8898. Prepare for employment to north and west. Use trks used for movement to present location. Report your C.P. (C.G. 83rd Div).
- 1220 Capt Bunch left C.P. to reconnoiter for new C.P.
- 1340 Col Crabill returned to C.P.
- 1405 General Ferenbaugh came to C.P.
- 1420 General Ferenbaugh left C.P.
- 1435 Col Crabill left C.P.
- 1630 C.P. closed in new location 011979.
- 1632 Bn closed in to assembly area 1555. C.P. established location coordinates: 875988, Map: St Malo - Dinan 1:100000 (C.O. 3rd Bn).
- 1715 Capt Bagley returned from rsn to front.
- 1735 Radio communication established with Division.
- 1736 Bn in assigned assembly area at (88-99) waiting food, water and further orders. Extra ammo issued (C.O. 2nd Bn).
- 1800 Col Crabill is at front getting disposition of 2nd Bn.
- 1855 Will I move tonight? Awaiting orders (C.O. 3rd Bn).
- 1915 General Macon and General Ernest (TD C.O.) came to C.P.
- 1918 Col Crabill returned to C.P.
- 1925 2nd Bn jumped off. Col Crabill says they are moving too slowly and are not aggressive enough. If it looks like they will not take town tonight, Col Crabill will put in 1st Bn to push attack. 2nd Bn is receiving a little mortar and MG fire. General Macon directs that we lay in some arty fire. Division is jumping off again at 0830 tomorrow.
- 1925 General Macon and General Ernest left C.P.
- 1928 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley went up to 2nd Bn. Col Crabill is going to try to push 2nd Bn ahead to take town.
- 1930 IPW team is going to investigate Chateau from which French civilians said they were being fire upon.
- 1945 Capt Bunch left C.P. to go to new C.P.
- 1950 Major Orr left for new C.P.
- 2005 Request coordinates coll sta. (C.O. 3rd Bn). (TO: C.O. 3rd Bn) Coll sta at coordinates: 890975. (C.O. 329th).
- 2015 General Macon came to C.P. He states that our supporting artillery is not firing and also we are not using our mortars enough.
- 2018 If we attack in the morning we will have 1 Bn Med Arty and 1 Co TB's (SP) atchd.
- 2022 General Macon left C.P.
- 2145 Regtl C.P. closed into new location at S 859012.
- 2200 (TO: CG 83rd Div) C.P. located at S 859012. Closed in at 2145 (C.O. 329th)

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- 2210 2nd Bn is entering Dolet. (arty obsvr)
 2213 Have taken Dolet. E Co advancing as planned. C.P. same (C.O. 2nd Bn).
 2300 If we attack at 0830 tomorrow, we will be supported by 2 Co's tanks, 2 Co's assault guns and 1 Co TD's (SP).
 2305 It has been reported that enemy naval vessels are lying off the coast and shelling inland with their guns. A French civilian who was forced to work for the Germans and who later escaped and came back through the lines, was questioned and willingly gave information concerning enemy defenses ahead of this Regiment.
 2310 Coll sta located at 890975.
 2335 Telephone communication in with Red, White, On Co and Blackberry.
 2336 A civilian came to the C.P., and reported that he knows where 10 Germans are hiding out. A 15 man detail from the mines platoon is being sent to investigate.
 2337 3 wounded enemy prisoners were brought in and evacuated to the rear.
 2345 From Dwan, Lt. Cav: 1. 1315 - MG enemy, 20 men, machine pistols and rifles.
 2. 1400 - 3 mort began to fire. 3. 1430 - 3 - 88's in position. 4. Front lines at Donet at 2200. (C.O. 2nd Bn)

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- 0030 Lt Col Skinner left C.P.
 0210 Request location of your front lines and disposition of your Bns - also Regtl C.P. coordinates. (CG 83rd Div).
 0845 (TO: CG 83rd Div) Units crossed LD on time (C.O. 329th).
 0850 2nd Bn reports Co G is through and beyond Dolet.
 0855 1st Bn reports Co B is 100 yds N of phase line 1. Meeting no resistance.
 0900 2nd Bn reports all 3 Co's are 500-600 yds forward of LD. Meeting light resistance.
 0910 3rd Bn was alerted for movement.
 0913 1st Bn reports that Co's A and B are 100 yds N of PL 1. Co A on right, Co B on left, Co C following Co B.
 0916 A squad of assault Engrs is being sent up to reduce road block at 852040. The road block is made of railroad irons and concrete.
 0920 Cav Rcn patrols are going to patrol hill ahead of 1st Bn. They were directed to check closely on the bay to see if any enemy ships are there.
 0935 Telephone communication established with Task Force.
 0940 2nd Bn reports that Lt Col James has been hit. Capt McCarthy has taken over the Bn.
 0941 Col Crabill directed Major Speedie that he was to move 3rd Bn around 2nd Bn.
 0942 Col Crabill went to 2nd Bn O.P.
 1025 General Macon came to C.P.
 1045 General Macon directed that we must push ahead. He directs that we use more artillery and direct fire weapons. He wants us to use harrassing fire if definite targets are not located.
 1047 General Macon left C.P.
 1050 Capt McCarthy has been wounded.
 1051 2nd Bn reports that Capt McCarthy was fatally wounded.
 1055 General Ernest directs that the tanks get moving on the left sector of 2nd Bn and push the attack and have the Infantry follow them in.
 1100 Capt Sharpe is going to 2nd Bn to take command of the Bn.
 1105 It has been reported that the Germans have an O.P. in a church steeple in Cha-teau Neuf. Arty is being concentrated on it to knock it out.
 1110 It is reported that there are approximately 500 Germans in the town of St Sulliac. General Ernst left C.P. He is going to return shortly.
 1125 3rd Bn reports they have closed in at their designated area.
 1135 Col Crabill returned to C.P.

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- 1200 Maj Evans Paren RN Paren commanding 30th Assault Unit Royal Navy, has permission to join leading assault waves entering St Malo (CG 83rd Div).
- 1235 Col Crabill directed Lt Magill to rcn left of St Sulliac to determine if we can pass around the left there.
- 1242 1st Bn reports Co A is on PL 1, almost to Lecure; Co B is held up behind hill 51. Col Crabill directs that they push Co A forward and have Co C attack hill 51 from rear.
- 1250 Div Serv area incl QM Co, Ord Co, Sig Co and Div Rr Ech will move 051200 to area N of Lanhelin (919930). (CG 83rd Div).
- 1308 General Macon came to C.P.. He states that 331st is making good progress.
- 1325 Capt Bagley reports that road block is being blasted out now. 2nd Bn is receiving quite a bit of mortar fire. As long as arty liaison plane is up enemy arty and mortars do not fire.
- 1340 Plat of tanks atchd to Co G has lost 2 tanks. They are bringing up a fresh plat and putting original plat in res.
- 1400 Col Crabill directed Capt Bagley to have tanks push on towards Chateaufeuf and follow them with Infantry.
- 1420 Approximately 41 enemy were taken prisoner by 2nd Bn and brought to C.P. Co G took most of the prisoners.
- 1445 Tanks and Infantry have broken through into Chateaufeuf. Artillery falling in town is being lifted.
- 1446 2nd Bn reports tanks are going through town and Co F is coming right behind them. Col Crabill directed Capt Bagley to have Inf catch up with tanks and ride them through town if resistance is light.
- 1448 Col Crabill ordered Major Speedie to report to him. He also alerted 3rd Bn for movement. 3rd Bn is to be passed through the 2nd Bn. TD reports that tanks passed through roadblock at 1446.
- 1500 Major Speedie reported to C.P.
- 1513 Major Speedie left C.P. with instructions to by-pass 2nd Bn.
- 1523 General Macon directs that Inf and tank officers work together from attacking Bn's C.P.
- 1540 1st Bn C.P. located at 844038 (C.O. 1st Bn).
- 1550 C.O.'s 330th and 331st Inf Regts reported to C.P.
- 1555 ~~Reconnaissance~~ 2nd Bn entering Chateaufeuf. Tanks have orders to pull out.
- 1602 1st Bn reports Co B has overcome resistance on hill 51 (report not confirmed).
- 1630 1st Bn encountered roadblock past Chateaufeuf. Col Crabill directs Co A to assume holding position in front of roadblock and Co C to work around the block.
- 1635 C.O. 331st and Ex O Arty left C.P.
- 1640 Reports received that enemy is now shelling Chateaufeuf with heavy arty.
- 1710 3rd Bn crossed PL 2. Continuing march. No resistance. (this report to be checked. No coordinates given).
- 1715 Unidentified Captain, Royal Navy came to C.P.
- 1720 Requested information on location of Div C.P.
- 1730 3rd Bn halfway between PL 2 and 3. Continuing march.
- 1735 (Msg from Div) 1. U.S. gliders towed by British Halifax aircraft will be landed between 052000 and 052200 August 1944 in the area between Vannes and Lorient. These gliders will carry armed jeeps to support SAS and Maquis in capturing Vannes airfield. 2. Warn all members of your command immediately. 3. Acknowledgement receipt of this order.
- 1746 Capt Bagley returned to C.P.
- 1820 Have reached PL 3. Meeting slight resistance. Continuing march. (CO 3rd Bn).
- 1830 Loudspeaker car is being sent up to 2nd Bn to try to talk enemy in fort into surrendering.
- 1900 Capt Bunch left C.P. to reconnoiter for new C.P. location.
- 1935 We are 200 yds N of PL 4 (CO 3rd Bn).
- 1940 Col Crabill directed 1st Bn to move on ahead but to avoid main roads as they are subject to heavy shelling.

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- 1941 General Montague came to C.P.
- 1942 3rd Bn is moving ahead toward objective C. When they reach PL 5 they are going to swing a little left to area generally around railroad.
- 1952 1st Bn reports that several Germans are streaming in and surrendering.
- 2025 Col Crabill directed Capt Sharpe that if loudspeaker car could not get enemy in fort to surrender, that he use bazookas to reduce fort.
- 2026 General Ernest left C.P.
- 2100 Send one 2 1/2 T truck for prisoners (CO 3rd Bn).
- 2108 General Macon left C.P.
- 2112 1st Bn reports they are in section A on Phase Line 4. They were directed to move up into section B but to send a patrol ahead.
- 2118 Co F of 17th Cav captured about 100 Germans at 850105.
- 2030 3rd Bn reports that they are advancing behind tanks in approach march formation.
- 2032 Capt Bunch reports that there are no houses available for C.P. Col Crabill directed him to find a field and return immediately.
- 2145 Fort in front of 2nd Bn has been cleaned out. Prisoners taken from there report that others have vacated that position.
- 2200 1st Bn was directed to button up and put out security for tonight. They are to report their positions.
- 2205 3rd Bn was directed to button up for the night.
- 2215 120 casualties cleared through Regtl aid station today. Most were from 2nd Bn.
- 2216 (TO: C.O. 1st Bn) Estimate casualties for period 1600 to 2300 (C.O. 329th).
- 2216 (TO: C.O. 3rd Bn) Estimate casualties for period 1200 to 2300 (C.O. 329th).
- 2320 General Macon came to C.P. He directed that we have our units prepared to move into sections A and B by 0900 tomorrow. The 330th is going to make the main effort. We must be set for coordinated attack after we occupy A and B. Every weapon available must be firing. Use TD's as much as possible. There will be a bombing before the atk. Also arty fire - advance under arty.
- 2355 General Macon left C.P.
- 2356 Burial collecting point 1/2 mile N of Le Vic Bourg (867988 open now (CG 83rd Div).

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- 0135 1st Bn C.P. located at cross road on Phase Line 4 on axis of advance. (C.O. 1st Bn).
- 0200 Civilians just returned from St Malo report German ships burning. American ships (5) firing. Am getting new late information. Will get it to you as soon as possible. (Lt Magill I & R).
- 0830 C.P. closed into new location at 854081.
- 0835 Telephone communication established with 2nd Bn.
- 0850 3rd Bn has moved into section B.
- 0915 (TO: CG 83rd) C.P. located at 854081. Blue on obj B (C.O. 329th).
- 0930 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley went to 1st Bn.
- 0935 Herewith ovly showing positions. Plan perimeter of defense will be submitted. CP at 85451080 (CO 2nd Bn).
- 0936 1st Bn receiving a little resistance at Chateau Malo but are putting Co C and going ahead.
- 1015 French civilian reported to 3rd Bn that there are 75 to 80 Germans at right of road near Chateau Malo. The civilian said he thought they want to surrender.
- 1035 Arty ammunition today is unlimited so we are going to use extensive arty fire today.
- 1040 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP.
- 1046 Request loudspeaker unit at once (CO 1st Bn).
- 1055 Col Crabill directed Capt Callaghan that there is an excellent spot for observation near Co L and he wants an OP established there.
- 1110 Coordinated attack is to be launched at hour to be announced by Div - probably about 1200. Bombing will precede attack.

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- 1230 Loudspeaker unit arrived at C.P.
 1302 All Bn lines have gone out.
 1312 Lt Magill reported some 88 positions and enemy strongpoints the locations of which were given him by a French surveyor. The arty is going to try to knock out these positions.
 1330 1st Bn reports their line extends from 825117 left flank, to 831122 right flank. Co C on left, Co B on right Co A in reserve. 3rd Bn connects on 1st Bn right flank and extends right to 833132.
 1337 Lines are back in to all Bns.
 1338 Col Crabill directed Bns to notify him when they are ready to jump off.
 1342 Arty reports enemy 4 gun arty battery destroyed at 81001312.
 1345 Arty preparation preceding attack will continue for 20 minutes.
 1350 Col Crabill directed Major Speedie to have Co L maintain contact with Co B on their left.
 1405 The indiscriminate firing of .50 cal weapons at aerial targets especially at night must be discontinued at once. Aerial targets will be engaged by troops other than anti-aircraft troops only in cases of actual strafing and then only at effective range (MACON).
 1420 I & R reports OP has been established in front of Co L. It is possible to observe St Malo from there.
 1430 Bn closed in assembly area 1245 at 833115 (CO 1st Bn).
 1440 Col Crabill directed 1st Bn that they must have every weapon firing initially. He directed that they send in a fire plan as soon as possible but to be sure to check that every weapon is in position before submitting the fire plan.
 1500 Arty will begin preparation at about 1515. 1st and 3rd Bns will jump off at about 1530 or 1535. 1st and 3rd Bns are to be prepared to move across bomb line at 1515. Bomb line will be used as LD. No definite information has been received on bombing. Arty will put down red smoke at end of preparation.
 1502 Rec'd ovly from 2nd Bn showing front lines of Co's and location of Bn CP.
 1510 Col Crabill directed Capt Sharpe to have his Bn on the alert in case we have to use them today.
 1513 There will be at least 30 min delay on the arty preparation and attack. It will not be launched until air mission has been completed.
 1520 Bombers are now coming over. They have not yet begun bombing.
 1530 Arty rec'd orders to have arty preparation completed by 1550. They are going to start preparation immediately.
 1531 Col Crabill directed 1st and 3rd Bns to start across bomb line.
 1550 Arty preparation completed. 3rd Bn reports they have jumped off.
 1554 1st Bn is assaulting orchard on their front. They jumped off as soon as arty preparation ceased. Using marching fire. Have advanced 200 yds.
 1557 Capt Bagley reported to Blackstone that 1st and 3rd Bns jumped off at 1550.
 1558 Mine field at obstacles fwd slope hill 47 - 806114 (I & R plat).
 1608 Col Crabill left CP to go to 3rd Bn.
 1615 3rd Bn reports they have advanced 600 yds in front of bomb line.
 1630 3rd Bn extends from 825130 left flank to 830138 right flank. 1st Bn left flank at 822124 and right flank a little behind 3rd Bn left flank.
 1637 3rd Bn reported to be slightly ahead of 1st Bn.
 1645 Capt Bunch and Lt Raikos left to rcn for new C.P. location.
 1705 1st Bn reports that Co C is held up temporarily. Co B attacking due West.
 1717 Arty is shooting propaganda shells on St Malo.
 1720 enemy AA positions located at 77041124. Battery of 6 guns.
 1723 Col Crabill returned to C.P.
 1805 C.P. preparing to move forward.

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- 1827 General Macon came to CP. He is moving ~~330th~~ boundary line to the left to include part of our sector. In doing this, St. Malo is divided into two sections by river. Our section is on the left side of river - 330th section is on right side of river. 331st will push on through to St Malo proper.
- 1835 General Macon left CP.
- 1836 3rd Bn was directed to keep on left side of river when entering city to comply with boundary change.
- 1845 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley left for new CP.
- 2000 CP closed into new location at S 835107.
- 2030 Col Crabill returned from front. He said the Germans are laying in quite a bit of mortar fire.
- 2035 3rd Bn held up at bluff by heavy mortar and arty fire from St Joseph Hill.
- 2100 1st Bn has gone over their boundary on right. We are trying to get boundaries straightened out.
- 2150 (TO: CO's 2nd & 3rd Bns) Hold in present position overnight. Organize for all around defense. Do not give up any ground. Patrol to front in preparation for continuation of attack tomorrow. Send overlay of defensive position. (CO 329th).
- 2200 General Macon directs that we move TD's up under cover of darkness and be prepared to launch a "vicious" attack at dawn.

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- 0830 Enemy gun moved into position early this morning among houses at 821550985. Believed to be 88mm (Magill & Berner I&R).
- 0805 1st and 3rd Bns jumped off on time at 0730 after an arty preparation. 1st Bn is moving in a column of Co's with leading Co at 820131. 3rd Bn has been unable to move due to heavy arty and mortar fire from St Joseph Hill.
- 0820 Col Crabill went to 2nd Bn.
- 0840 Arty is going to shoot some heavy stuff in on the Citadel outside St Servan.
- 0850 General Macon directs that we put arty fire down on St Joseph Hill to try to reduce some of the enemy arty up there.
- 0935 Request permission to fire on target located in houses at 82251530. Houses are on boundary. Reply in clear. (CO 331st).
- 0951 (TO: CO 3rd Bn) Water point 873105 (CO 329th).
- 1000 Received sketch of St Malo, Dinard and St Servan indicating certain known defenses.
- 1013 3rd Bn is getting heavy mortar, arty and MG fire. They are unable to move ahead. They have taken several prisoners this morning but are unable to get them back to the rear.
- 1015 Col Crabill returned to C.P.
- 1016 Col Crabill reports that 3rd Bn had a pretty tough time last night. They received several heavy counterattacks during the night and were quite disorganized this morning.
- 1017 (CO 331st) 82251530 not in Blackjack zone. (CO 329th).
- 1038 Capt Sharpe was directed to alert his Bn for a movement and then report to CP.
- 1052 Capt Sharpe reported in to Col Crabill.
- 1100 3rd Bn reports that a plat of Germans has come in on their left flank. Col Crabill thinks it is a plat of 1st Bn as they were going to move in that direction. 3rd Bn was directed to check closely to determine if it is enemy or 1st Bn troops.
- 1110 Capt Sharpe was directed to put out patrols before starting his move around 1st Bn.
- 1112 3rd Bn says troops coming in on their left flank are definitely enemy troops. They (3rd Bn) are receiving fire from both flanks.

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- 1115 1st Bn was notified about enemy coming in on 3rd Bn left flank. They are going to send Co C up to stop them.
- 1130 Capt Sharpe left CP.
- 1215 It is reported that enemy plat firing into left flank of 3rd Bn has been taken care of.
- 1217 Three arty guns located at 786082 to 787082.
- 1220 Pte De La Garde Guerin heavily fortified. Same tunnel arrangement as La Citadel. Well camouflaged; armament unknown (Magill & Berner L&R).
- 1235 3rd Bn reports their line is - right 81741380, left 81441328.
- 1315 Arty has fired 25 rds of propaganda shells onto enemy defense line.
- 1340 Capt Sharpe reports that his patrol, in rcn in valley ahead of Bn, is receiving fire from snipers behind them and valley is covered by mortar fire.
- 1355 3rd Bn reports they are unable to move ahead due to heavy mortar and arty fire.
- 1410 Tanks are being sent up to support 1st Bn.
- 1430 Received overlay showing Co fronts of 1st Bn and Co F. Co's E and G passing around left flank.
- 1450 General Macon directs that we move ahead. He said to put all available arty into use.
- 1705 1st Bn is to jump off during serenade at 1730.
- 1808 Unit on our right withdrawn (CO 3rd Bn).
- 1820 Enemy arty fire being directed on our position from high point on our left (3rd Bn)
- 1822 Bn CP located at 824122 (CO 1st Bn).
- 1830 Loudspeaker unit is going to be used at 1955. Our units will not fire rifles, mortars, MG's or call for arty between 1955 and 2030 unless they receive an attack. Bns were notified.
- 1837 1st Bn reports that tanks are coming to the rear for fuel and supplies. Col Crabill sent Lt Reeder up to send them back and direct them to notify us when they need supplies and we will get what they need up to them.
- 1845 1st Bn reports they are moving ahead and rear elements have cleared La Bour-elais.
- 1900 Lt Reeder reported back and said tanks were returning to 1st Bn on their own initiative after supply truck came up.
- 1955 All our troops and arty have ceased firing. Loudspeaker truck reports they cannot get into town to broadcast. Capt Callaghan ordered them to get up there and broadcast.
- 2000 Lt Lord has found loudspeaker truck and is getting them up to front.
- 2025 The loudspeaker car did not broadcast.
- 2100 3rd Bn reports they are arranging a truce, to allow enemy troops to surrender. Arty fire is being stopped until outcome of truce is determined.
- 2140 It is reported that loudspeaker car started operating at about 2005, but a tube in the system burned out and they could not continue.
- 2150 General Macon directs that if enemy in front of 3rd Bn on hill do not surrender by 2200 that we put an arty serenade on the hill.
- 2200 Prisoners taken by 3rd Bn state the enemy is going to withdraw from St Joseph Hill tonight.
- 2215 Arty fired serenade on St Joseph Hill.

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- 0040 2nd Bn closed into new assembly area.
- 0120 Received ovly from 2nd Bn showing Co positions as of 0100
- 0815 Attack went off at 0800. Receiving atks on left flank.
- 0817 1st Bn is driving for hill 50.
- 0820 2nd Bn reports that enemy patrols came to aid sta last night and captured a Capt, a Lt and 2 EM. Bn patrol captured 11 enemy and killed 5 or 6.
- 0859 Need 1 - 300 rad operator. Have possible case for intelligence. Could he bring operator (L&R).

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0900 3rd Bn reports they have taken about 1 plat of prisoners. Have contact with 1st Bn.

0902 Enemy turned loose Medics captured last night, withdrew to hill 50. Arty is going to fire on hill 50 at enemy retreating up hill.

0920 Small arms fire from our rear. Watching 0655 (CO 2nd Bn).

0935 Arty serenade on hill 50 at 0940. Col Crabill directed 1st Bn to move in under cover of arty at 0945 and take hill.

1000 1st Bn did not jump off at 0945.

1010 3rd Bn reports they captured 2 - 88's and a lot of equipment. Reorganizing to move on.

1035 1st Bn is reported to be moving ahead toward hill 50.

1100 3rd Bn requests some men from Cn Co to man captured 88's. Col Crabill is having them sent up. 3rd Bn also captured Btry of arty. Enemy Inf pulled out and left them.

1108 Have sighted 30 German soldiers at 808098 (I&R).

1135 Is grid line 13 Bn or Regt boundary and what is right boundary (CO 3rd Bn).

1150 Blue 6 requests overlay of new zone and wants to know objective. Left flank - 812128, right flank - 811132.

1250 1st Bn has taken hill 50 and La Halle station. After reorganizing they are going on to St Servan.

1308 Capt Sharpe was directed to move 2nd Bn into La Bourelais, leaving Co E back as flank guard.

1310 Burial collecting point now open at paren 868070 paren (CG 83rd Div).

1414 Possible counterattack from left flank (I&R).

1420 3 - 88 at 4118 (word missing) (ing ion ies) 3 MG's 4106 fortifications. Advance guard light tk. No men on hill CP (I&R).

1440 Loudspeaker car is up at 1st Bn. Arty is being held while truck is in operation.

1505 Capt Bunch left to rcn for new CP location.

1520 Capt Bagley returned to CP.

1535 Bn CP located at 813125 at 1500 (CO 1st Bn).

1615 Loudspeaker car is going to be used from 2100 to 2210. All firing will cease at 2100 and will not resume before 2210.

1735 Capt Bunch returned to CP.

1738 Col Crabill directed Major Speedie to push on into La Motte.

1845 Major Speedie reports that he is going to resume the attack at 1930.

1940 3rd Bn jumped off on time.

1950 1st Bn reports they have run into a dug in pillbox. They were directed to pound it continuously with A-T guns.

2002 3rd Bn reports they are almost on their objective. Col Crabill directed them to push on to their 1st Phase Line. They are meeting only slight resistance. Co I on right - Co K on left - Co L in reserve - following.

2050 CP is preparing to displace forward.

2200 Col Crabill decided not move CP tonight as it is too late.

2210 Units resumed firing. Loudspeaker was not effective.

2220 1st Bn reports they are getting a lot of prisoners.

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0745 1st Bn was directed to move on to St Servan, leaving a force to reduce strong-point.

0800 3rd Bn is going to jump off at 0830. CP will move to new location immediately after jump off.

0900 CP closed into new location no. 19 at 815125.

0920 Bn CP located at 810122 (CO 1st Bn).

0921 3rd Bn reports they are moving ahead street by street.

0955 3rd Bn reports both leading companies are on PL 1. They are receiving fire from pillbox on right flank.

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- 1005 Col Crabill returned to CP. He reports that 1st Bn is getting stiff resistance from pillbox. They are going to try to work around the right of it and go on into St Servan.
- 1050 Request public address system to report to GM immediately (I&R).
- 1050 CO of second company 899 German Regt is now dead. There are 8000 troops around area of St Malo (I&R).
- 1125 1st Bn reports they are moving forward.
- 1220 3rd Bn is advancing through St Servan and are approaching the Citadel. Col Crabill directed that they call for a volunteer patrol to recon near citadel.
- 1230 General Macon came to CP. He directs that we put a serenade on Citadel. The General states that we might get better results by bombing Citadel, first, and then send up loudspeaker truck to broadcast to enemy troops there.
- 1300 Col Crabill directed Major Speedie not to send out his patrols as we will possibly be able to get an air mission on Citadel. 3rd Bn was directed to get their TD's up in position to knock out tank that is giving them trouble.
- 1335 General Macon left CP.
- 1345 Sgt O'Connor (A-T Co) reports that pillbox in front of 1st Bn was knocked out with 2 - 57mm guns and 1 - 3 inch gun. About 60 Germans surrendered at this position.
- 1400 3rd Bn reports that enemy is possibly vacating the Citadel. Arty liaison plane is going to investigate.
- 1401 Civilian directed 3rd Bn to communication cable of Citadel. They are going to dig it up and cut it.
- 1430 Loudspeaker truck is going down to broadcast to Germans occupying hotel holding up 3rd Bn.
- 1600 French Major who was formerly a German prisoner says there are approximately 2000 enemy troops on Citadel. He says Citadel has a concrete covering that is 45 ft thick.
- 1615 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley went to St Servan.
- 1655 Confirmation verbal msg 091450. As soon as possible assy 1 plat Co A 709 Tk Bn M and have them revert back to Co control. Also 1 plat Co B 705th TD Bn SP will revert to Co control on your release. (CG 83rd Div).
- 1745 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP.
- 1845 2nd Bn is to be moved tonight by Div transportation to 838148.
- 1915 Received Fragmentary Order from 83rd Div.
- 1920 Arty has been firing on Citadel most of the day and will continue firing on it during the night.
- 1925 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley went to Div for conference with General Macon.
- 1915 Capt Sharpe came to CP.
- 1920 1st Bn reports they thought they saw some assault boats coming in bay in their sector. 1st Bn was directed to get their TD's into position where they can fire on any assault boats attempting to land. Arty liaison plane is going to check on this report.
- 1922 Liaison plane reports 1 speed boat going out. Observer was directed to keep a continual watch for more boats.
- 1924 Col Crabill directed Major Kohler to be sure we have enough mines, wire, etc., so Capt Gust can set up A-T defenses on roads tonight.
- 2115 Col Crabill and Capt Bagley returned to CP.
- 2200 This Regt will garrison St Malo upon Div Order.
- 2355 Have captured 11 prisoners. Request transportation to report to GM (I&R).

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- 0315 Bn has closed in new position. Coordinates of CP - 837146. Have established wire com thru Blackfish, also in to Blackstone (CO 2nd Bn).
 0845 Capt Lunch left for new CP.
 0905 CP preparing to move forward.
 1030 CP closed into new location no. 20 at 80211205.
 1315 Waterpoint located at 876131.
 1330 Herewith only of present position. CP 848147 (CO 2nd Bn).
 1355 It is vitally - repeat - vitally important that all vehicles your command continue to display cerise or yellow panel completely uncovered and that white star marking be maintained bright and uncovered at all times.
 1445 Efforts are being made to obtain surrender of enemy troops in Citadel. TD's are being put into position to fire on Citadel if they do not surrender.
 1700 Lt Briggs has his Hqs at 15 Rue Le Pomellec.
 1800 Enemy in Citadel refuse to surrender.
 2238 F.A. group observer reported cut off by small enemy force at 801088 - repeat - 801088. Send force to investigate. For details call Mogul 2 St Malo Area (CG 83rd Div) Lq
 2310 (TO: I&R) Arty observer cut off by small enemy force at 801088. Send combat patrol to investigate. Report time that patrol goes out. (CO 329th).
 2330 Interpreters cut in on wire to Citadel today and talked to troops there in an effort to get them to surrender, without results.

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- 0050 Patrol has reconnoitered mission. No one is there. Now have listening posts and patrols in same area (I&R).
 0140 Patrol contacted Arty Obsvr. No enemy Obs. Okay. (I&R).
 0745 Bombing on Citadel is to take place at 1000. Our attack will be coordinated with bombing and artillery preparation. (Ref: FO #4 - Hq 329th 11 Aug 44).
 0800 Received msg from CG 83rd on bombing scheduled for today.
 0815 General Ferenbaugh came to CP.
 0820 1st and 3rd Bns are preparing for attack on Citadel sometime this morning. Bns are being equipped with pole charges, flame throwers, and bangalore torpedoes. Attack will be preceded by bombing mission.
 0930 Time for bombing mission has not been announced. H hour will be 30 minutes after bombing. Arty will begin firing at H-20.
 1005 Col Crabill went to 3rd Bn.
 1017 A t t a c k has been delayed due to failure of bombers to arrive.
 1110 General Macon came to CP.
 1215 Col Crabill returned to CP.
 1228 Time on target Corps bombing Dinard and St Malo - 1400. Time bombing will cease - later. Tentatively there will be 72 bombers in flights of six (CG 83rd Div).
 1230 General Macon directs that our troops stay well behind bomb line and stay down as long as bombing is going on.
 1232 General Macon left CP.
 1245 Corps bombing effort limited to Idecezeembre and St Servan Citadel at 1400. 72 med bombers on ea effort. Method of atk, four boxes of 18 planes each. Count boxes to determine end of effort. (CG 83rd).
 1320 Col Crabill went to 3rd Bn.
 1325 General Ferenbaugh and Capt Bagley left CP.
 1343 Col Crabill returned to CP.
 1346 Col Crabill left CP.

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1445 Col Crabill returned to CP.
 1455 Col Crabill left CP to go to 3rd Bn.
 1510 Bombing mission has been postponed until 1900. It will start at 1900 and stop at 1915.
 1512 General Ferenbaugh came to CP.
 1518 General Ferenbaugh left CP.
 1530 Col Crabill returned to CP.
 1900 Bombing St Servan Citadel will take place 2020 to 2030 tonight. Attack will consist of two boxes of 18 planes each (CG 83rd Div).
 1920 General Ferenbaugh came to CP.
 1936 General Ferenbaugh left CP.
 2020 Bombers came over and started their mission on Citadel.
 2035 It is reported that all bombs except part of 1 stick made direct hits on target.
 2038 Arty will begin preparation at 2040.
 2040 Arty preparation started.
 2100 Arty is lifting to 3rd Bn right flank.
 2105 1st Bn was directed to lift mortar fire 400 yds or cease firing.
 2107 1st Bn mortars ceased firing.
 2108 Arty continuing fire on designated targets.
 2110 1st and 3rd Bns jumped off on time at 2100.
 2200 General Ferenbaugh came to CP.
 2205 3rd Bn on right is advancing. 1st Bn is pinned down.
 2207 3rd Bn reports that Co K is going into fortress - have reached outer wall. Explosions are occurring within Citadel. Co K made initial effort in 3rd Bn.
 2220 Col Crabill ordered 1st and 3rd Bns to withdraw. 3rd Bn tried to break through outer wall with pole charges and bangalore torpedoes without results. They were receiving heavy fire and were being badly shot up.
 2235 Col Crabill returned to CP.
 2309 General Ferenbaugh left CP.

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0825 Col Crabill directed 3rd and 1st Bns to have officers who participated in atk last night, report to him to discuss what they found out about defenses around Citadel.
 0847 Officers from 1st and 3rd Bns arrived for meeting with Col Crabill. They report that bombing yesterday did very little damage on Citadel. The bombers were not fired on by enemy AA during their operation. It is possible to get up on Citadel but impossible to break in until it is cracked up by bombers and arty. Openings and slits in fortification are too small to put demolition charges in. Any charge small enough to go in openings would not be sufficient to do any damage to fortification. After troops got up on Citadel they were fired on by heavy arty from outlying islands. At least 3 pillboxes around Citadel have been knocked out and AA guns on top of Citadel have been knocked out. Openings and tunnels leading into Citadel are covered by MG's and flame throwers. Every time one of these is knocked out, another moves into the position and takes over. After troops got inside wall MG's opened up on them. Col Crabill directs that TD's keep firing and try to knock out any observed pillbox.
 1048 Officers from 1st and 3rd Bns left CP.
 1228 Col Crabill left CP to go to 3rd Bn.
 1232 Loudspeaker truck left for 3rd Bn.
 1412 Col Crabill returned to CP.
 1515 2nd Bn has been attached to 330th Inf and is participating in attack with them.
 2140 Received Fragmentary Order from Division.

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- 0800 Air bombardment on Citadel has been requested. Time has not yet been designated.
- 1000 Capt Bagley left CP to go ~~XXX~~ to Bns.
- 1120 Capt Bagley returned to CP.
- 1210 Col Crabill went to 3rd Bn.
- 1400 It is reported that a white flag was raised for a truce by troops on Citadel during bombing of Cezembre island. It is ordered we do not answer truce as bombing may start soon.
- 1445 Arty observer reports enemy is carrying boxes out of Citadel through southern gate. They are possibly bringing out wounded or dead.
- 1500 It is reported that an MP, 2 GI's, and 2 civilians (one identified as Mayor) are walking up hill towards Citadel and are going into fort. Arty is being held up until we see what results they get.
- 1514 Major Speedie reports that 9 men are returning from Citadel. He is going to stop them and get details.
- 1515 Co B, with 1 section 81mm mortars and 1 platoon HMG's atchd, left to join 2nd Bn.
- 1613 General Ferenbaugh came to CP.
- 1621 It is reported that 3 soldiers and 2 civilians who went to Citadel, arranged for evacuation of American officer there who had his leg amputated. A litter squad was sent up to bring him back. General Ferenbaugh orders that NO one will go through lines to Citadel. Orders are to shoot anyone attempting to do so without authorization from General Ferenbaugh.
- 1645 Col Crabill returned to CP.
- 1710 General Ferenbaugh left CP.
- 1745 Litter squad sent to Citadel did not bring wounded officer back as Germans wanted medical supplies for release of officer.
- 2115 It is reported that 2nd Bn has broken through to La Varde fort. General Ferenbaugh stated that Capt Sharpe did an excellent job of commanding the Bn and capturing La Varde.
- 2345 Arty continued firing on Citadel throughout the day.

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- 0815 Col Crabill left CP.
- 1100 Col Crabill returned to CP.
- 1240 Bn Comdrs came to CP for meeting with Col Crabill.
- 1250 2nd Bn is going to take over original defensive sector. 1st Bn is relieving 3rd Bn and 3rd Bn is taking over 330th sector.
- 1312 Bn Comdrs left CP.
- 2300 Arty fired on Citadel during the day.

15 AUGUST 1944

- 1000 Air atk Citadel today as follows:

GROUP	TOT	BOXES (18 ea)	1st Box	2nd Box
1	1205	2	2000#	Mixed, 250# - 500# - Incend
2	1225	2	"	" " " "
3	1245	2	"	" " " "

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- 1200 Bombing mission has been postponed until 1345. After bombing there will be an arty preparation followed by assault of Citadel in accordance with assault plan of atk (ref: plan and orgn of assault force 329th - plan for assault on Citadel Fortress - Hq 329th, 14 Aug 44)
- 1346 1st Group of bombers came over and bombed Citadel.
- 1400 2nd Group of bombers " " " " " "

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1407 Major Speedie reports that it looks like there is a good fire started in the Citadel.
 1409 Arty observer reports black smoke coming out of one of the tunnel entrances to Citadel (southwest tunnel entrance).
 1419 3rd and last group of bombers came over and bombed Citadel.
 1421 Corps Arty starts firing at 1425.
 1442 Inf jumped off at 1440.
 1445 Capt Bagley reports that a lot of the bombs dropped short of Citadel.
 1503 Arty observer reports our troops (probably 3rd Bn) are up near northeast wall of Citadel. Meeting slight resistance, receiving some mortar fire.
 1530 General Ferenbaugh came to CP.
 1531 It is reported that 3rd Bn is drawing back from Citadel. Mortar and MG fire came from fort and some hvy arty from some other point. All our troops withdrew.
 1600 Col Crabill returned to C.P.
 1610 Lt Col Cook and Major Speedie came to CP.
 1630 Major Speedie states that enough bombs did not hit Citadel to do it much damage. Planes received no AA fire.
 1632 Major Speedie says planes fly too high for accuracy and could come in much lower as there is no AA fire to harrass them.
 1640 General Ferenbaugh and Major Speedie went to 3rd Bn.
 1642 Col Crabill and Lt Col Cook left CP.
 1800 Col Crabill returned to CP.
 2100 Herewith shell fragments landed in Co F area at 8025-1500. Inspection shows trajectory approx 310° mag. Gun flash of earlier fire observed at 7905-1550(2nd Bn)

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0815 1 Platoon Co G, 709th Tk Bn and Co A and C, 86th Cml Bn are attached to this Regiment.
 0830 Corps Arty is going to bring up 240mm guns to fire on Citadel.
 1515 2nd Bn has captured Le Grande Bey, 158 prisoners taken.
 1520 General Macon and General Ferenbaugh came to CP.
 1521 General Montague came to CP.
 1523 White phosphorus is being fired on enemy mortars.
 1528 General Macon, General Ferenbaugh, General Montague and Capt Bagley left CP to go to observe the Citadel.
 1825 General Macon, General Ferenbaugh, and General Montague came to CP.
 1838 General Macon, General Ferenbaugh and General Montague left CP.
 2100 1st and 3rd Bns Comdrs and staffs came to CP for conference with Col Crabill concerning attack on Citadel tomorrow.
 2110 Major Speedie states he doesn't think tanks can get up to Citadel on his side. Tanks could possibly reduce a few small guns but would not be of much value to his Bn.
 2130 When 1st Bn tried to get up on Citadel on 15 Aug, they were held down by MG and then enemy mortars started searching them out. Major Speedie states that we must get upon Citadel in a large force in order to stay there. Capt Bagley suggests that we keep TD's and 57's constantly covering each enemy gun position until our troops are almost up to positions. If the tanks can get up, they will fire direct fire at the walls and slits in walls. The Engrs will make preparations to blow rail obstacles to make it possible for tanks to go up. The attack will take place between 1600 and 1800. Emergency signal for lifting arty will be green pyrotechnic flare. Yellow flare will be signal for lifting TD fire. Fire at least 2 or 3 flares so they can be observed.
 2210 1st and 3rd Bn Comdrs and staffs left CP.
 2300 Received msg on bombing of Citadel scheduled for 1400 tomorrow.

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0800 We are to receive a bombing mission on Citadel this afternoon. Approximately 36 - P-38's will each drop two "jelled gasoline" bombs. Arty preparation and attack will be coordinated with bombing.

1200 Bombing mission on Citadel has been reduced to 24 planes.

1210 General Macon came to CP.

1220 General Macon left CP.

1245 Firing on Citadel will cease at 1400 to permit loudspeaker truck to broadcast until 1415. White flag surrender will not be honored. Enemy must come out with hands up.

1300 Bombing on Citadel will take place at 1500.

1420 Arty observer reports 2 white flags went up at Citadel and some enemy started coming out but a couple of shells landed close and they went back into fort. All firing on Citadel is being ceased and loudspeaker truck is resuming broadcasting.

1430 It is reported that 5 Germans came out on top of Citadel but went into another dugout. It is reported that several of them are running around from dugout to dugout.

1452 About 10 Germans coming from Citadel with white flag - a few still coming out.

1453 4 Germans came all way down the hill - 16 came part of the way.

1455 General Macon ordered planes to bomb Cezebre island instead of Citadel. Capt Bagley notified air liaison to direct planes of changes.

1459 Bombers were contacted and are going to bomb Cezebre. They are still circling ~~XXX~~ Citadel to await confirmation of surrender. It is reported that 605 Germans have surrendered (unconfirmed) at Citadel. 10 of our men who were prisoners in Citadel brought out this report of the surrender.

1520 It is reported that several (about 30) of our troops are up on Citadel. One American who was a German prisoner states that Germans started breaking and destroying arms and equipment 2 1/2 hours ago. Germans cried with joy when order to surrender and destroy weapons was given. They still have not started coming out. Planes can keep circling for about 20 minutes until surrender is confirmed.

1530 3rd Bn S-1 is in Citadel now and has sent back for men to receive prisoners.

1545 Arty observer reports 7 men coming down hill from Citadel. He says it looks like they are the big shots of Citadel.

1550 Arty observer reports that Col Von Aulock (comdr of enemy forces in Citadel) and his staff just came by his OP.

1600 Division is sending trucks down to evacuate the prisoners.

1605 Col Von Aulock has officially surrender the Citadel to General Macon and Col Crabill.

1742 General Macon came to C.P.

1800 General Macon left CP.

2020 Total prisoners taken at Citadel; 564 M - 33 O's.

18 AUGUST 1944

0800 Col Crabill is calling a meeting of all officers in the Regiment at 1000.

0945 Officers started arriving for meeting with Col Crabill.

1038 Officers left CP.

1455 Advance quartering party left to new location to arrange for unit areas.

1600 General Macon came to CP to personally decorate men of the Regiment who have been awarded citations - 24 men are to be decorated.

1700 General Macon left CP.

1800 Regiment will move by motor tomorrow to vicinity of Angers. Approximately 120 mi.

2100 Received copies of March Order and March Table for move tomorrow.

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19 AUGUST 1944

0815 Leading elements will leave for new location at 0900.
0905 Leading elements crossed IP on time at 0900.
1930 CP closed into new location no. 21 at Angers - grid square O 831787.
2000 It is reported that water plant, supplying water for Angers, has been taken by enemy.

20 AUGUST 1944

1000 Col Crabill has called a meeting for Bn CO's, Sp U CO's, and all atahd unit CO's for 1400 today.
1345 Unit comdrs arrived for conference with Col Crabill.
1515 Unit comdrs left CP.
~~1950 CP located at 48351362 (CG 2nd Bn).~~
2030 Location of CP 84407740 (CG 2nd Bn).
2215 Received copies of FO #1, Hq CT 329.
2230 Mission of CT 329 in this area is to occupy and defend city of Angers; locate, inventory and protect all captured equipment and prevent enemy from crossing La Loire River. 1st and 2nd Bns will organize and defend OPL and MLR in their respective sectors. 3rd Bn less 1 Co will be in CT reserve. They will furnish 1 plat as MP's to patrol Angers.
2330 Request SITREPS be submitted on map - 1/50,000 (CG 83rd Div).

21 AUGUST 1944

0730 Water plant has been retaken by our troops.
1425 General Ferenbaugh came to CP.
1630 General Ferenbaugh left CP.
2330 Regiment continuing to protect Angers and prevent enemy from crossing Loire River. Little activity except patrols.

22 AUGUST 1944

0900 Cn Co and Arty are firing intermittently at enemy positions across Loire River.
1450 329th I & R reports no enemy in Varades (TO: CG 83d Div).

23 AUGUST 1944

0730 I & R reports 3 enemy planes were over shortly before daybreak. Someone on this side of Loire shot up a flare - it was possibly an enemy who got across river or a civilian collaborating with enemy. They are going to investigate today.

24 AUGUST 1944

1400 Request information on truck sent to you to pick up captured arms, ammunition and first aid equipment (CG 331st).
1430 (TO: CG 331st) Your am trk left here 1600 yesterday (CG 329th).
1500 Ren today for assembly positions for one Bn in res vic Bange (F1685). Give consideration shifting Bns to place one now in combat in res. Move Bn 25 Aug using organic transportation. Co A, 308 Engr Bn is detached effective 1600 today and assembly vic Chateaubriant (J2108) under Bn control by darkness 24 August (CG 83d).

25 AUGUST 1944

0800 1st Bn will move today by motor to vic Bange (F1685). 1st Bn will be in Regtl res.
1600 Received ovly from 1st Bn giving their units disposition.

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26 AUGUST 1944

- 1000 Col Crabill is calling a meeting of CO's of all units and atchd units CT 329. This meeting will be held at CT CP at 0900, 27 August 1944.

27 AUGUST 1944

- 0845 Officers arrived for conference with Col Crabill.
1215 Start rcn immediately to take over present mission and area of 330th Inf in addition to your mission. (CG 83rd Div).
1730 1st Bn, 330th Inf is being attached to 329th.
1900 3rd Bn will move by truck tomorrow to vic Chateau Renault and take up defensive positions there.
2000 Regiment will maintain forward CP vic Chateau La Valliere and rear CP at Angers. 2nd Bn will remain vic Angers - 1st Bn stays in Regtl reserve.
2315 Received copy of FO #2, Hq CT 329.
2330 Previous attachments regarding TD companies are cancelled PD Co A 802nd TD Bn (T) remains atchd to 329 Inf PD Rcn plats TD Bn to 329 Inf PD Co C 802nd TD Bn (T) remains with 330th Inf and moves to St Malo - Dinard Area PD (CG 83d Div).

28 AUGUST 1944

- 0900 Elements comprising forward CP left for Chateau La Valliere.
1135 3rd Bn is moving to vic Chateau Renault by mtr.
1835 3rd Bn closed into area 5 miles southeast of Chateau Renault at 1630.
2245 Co A Seven Seven Four Tk Bn is attached to your Regt PAREN To CO Three Two Nine Inf from CG Eight Three Div PAREN CO represent will contact you Two Nine Aug for disposition of the Co. (CG 83rd Div).
2300 1. Set up attachments to Regts as follows:
 A. 329
 B. 330 (held in Div Res with Bn Hq near Chateaubriant for present)
 C. 331
2. Present plans for employment, development, training, and perfect the Inf Tank team. This is to receive the active supervision of the Tank Bn C.O.

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29 AUGUST 1944

- 0930 Notification of movement of CG of 6th Armd will move thru Div zone from W to E. Time and route unknown (CG 83rd Div).
1000 CG of 6th Armd will move today - bivouac NE of Bouge tonight and move on E tomorrow.
1130 3rd Bn closed into assembly area at 1630. Location - coordinates: 49862815, NOHD OST 107 1:50,000 (CG 3rd Bn - 1655 - 28 Aug 1944).
2200 It is reported that there have been indications during the past few days that enemy may possibly be withdrawing from positions across the Loire River.

30 AUGUST 1944

- 0915 It is reported that 3 enemy ammunition dumps across the Loire were blown up during the night. The cause has not been determined. 1 French ammunition dump in vicinity of 2nd Bn was blown up late last night. It is believed the cause was a defective grenade or mine.

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1900

2230

Report received from T/Sgt Berner, 329th I&R plat at 2200, 30 Aug 1944:
Six prisoners, four of them German and two French impressed into the German army, were captured on the south side of the Loire River tonight at St Remy La Varenne. One was identified as being with the 10th Company of the 453 Regt. This German had with him a control book containing the following route: August 30th; Doue La Fontaine, Montreuil Bellay, Loudon, Richelieu, Bretagne, Bourges. FFI patrols report no enemy in Saumur proper. An agent of Sgt Berner reports that: No enemy north of a line running generally from La Fontenelle, Brissac, Gennes, Saumur. Line from Gennes to Saumur runs generally one mile away from and parallel to the Loire River. No enemy left on islands of Blaison and Belle. They left between 1900 and 2100 this evening. These islands are in the Loire River, SE of Angers. General Von Klaus left tonight from Grezille (O-9762). The population of Grezille say the Germans are going to Loudon. Sgt Berner says that miscellaneous reports received from the FFI concerning towns from which the Germans have left verify the report made by the above mentioned agent.

2300

All reports indicate that enemy is making a general withdrawal from their positions on the other side of Loire River.

2305

Request that SITREP overlays be made from maps, Scale one over two fifty thou-
sand (CG 83rd Div).

31 AUGUST 1944

~~0730 Request that SITREP overlays be made from maps, scale: one~~

0830 Upon Div order, 1st Bn is moving to a new assembly area in the vicinity of Chateau La Valliere.

1700

I & R platoon reports they have made contact with Co L, 137th Inf, to the east at Orleans. Contact has been maintained with 331st Inf to the west. The French sent large patrols across Loire River at Pont De Ce, finding no enemy in the immediate area.

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